

MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINATIONS
MAY 10, 2006

A regular meeting of the Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination was held in the Tennessee Room located on the Ground Floor of the Cordell Hull State Office Building on May 10, 2006.

Members Present: Donald H Polk, D.O.,
Jill Robinson, D.O.,
Paul G. Smith, Jr. D.O.,
Janis E. Hinton, Citizen Member

Staff Present: Sheila Bush, Administrator,
Rosemarie Otto, Medical Board Director,
Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager,
Robert Kraemer, Advisory Attorney,
Lea Phelps, Disciplinary Coordinator,
Jerry Kosten, Rules Coordinator, and
Denise Moran, Director of the Office of Investigations

The Board convened at 9:40 a.m. with Dr. Robinson presiding. Dr. Robinson determined that a quorum was present in order to conduct Board business.

Ratify Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Hinton made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 8, 2006 meeting. Dr. Polk seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Managers Report

Ms. Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager, gave the Director/Managers report to the Board.

Office of General Counsel

Mr. Robert Kraemer read his report to the Board and explained that there were seven open disciplinary cases in the Office of General Counsel. Mr. Kraemer also explained to the Board that the rule for Criminal Background checks for new applicants will go into effect on May 28, 2006.

Financial Report

Ms. Rosemarie Otto gave the financial report to the Board. Ms. Otto also informed the Board that the administrative office will invite Lisa Title to come to the next scheduled meeting.

Investigation Report

Ms. Denise Moran, Director of the Office of Investigations, gave the report to the Board. Ms. Moran informed the Board that there are three new cases in the Office of Investigations. Ms. Moran also explained the review process that is used by the Office of Investigation to determine how complaints are handled.

Disciplinary Report

Lea Phelps, Disciplinary Coordinator, informed the Board that there are six licensees currently being monitored.

Rules

Mr. Jerry Kosten, Rules Coordinator, presented the rules that pertained to Criminal Background checks, screening panels, advertising and use of titles for the Council of Certified Professional Midwifery for a roll call vote. Dr. Smith made a motion to accept the rules for the Council of Certified Professional Midwifery. Ms. Hinton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting in the affirmative.

General Discussion

The Board asked that a link to the National Center for Complimentary and Alternative Medicine be added to the Board's website. This link will be for information only.

Dr. Polk gave the Board a report on his trip as a delegate to the Federation of Medical State Board's annual meeting that was held in Boston, MA.

Legislation

Mr. Kraemer informed the Board that there was no new legislation that directly affected the Board, but the Council of Certified Professional Midwifery had a change in their statute. The new statute states that the number of council members will decrease from nine to six members, they are required to only meet once a year and the initial renewal cycle was changed from three years to the standard two years.

File Review

Dr. Polk made a motion to accept the new licensees and reinstatements. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Norinda Mauras, D.O.

Dr. Mauras' application for licensure was reviewed by Dr. Polk and he made a motion to approve the application. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sapna Ajit Sheth, D.O.

Dr. Sheth's application for licensure by reciprocity was reviewed by Dr. Robinson and she made a motion to approve the application. Dr. Polk seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Carolyn Drake, CPM

Ms. Drake's application for certification as a Certified Professional Midwife was reviewed by Dr. Smith and he made a motion to approve the application. Ms. Hinton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Polk made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Polk, Secretary